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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Second Harvest tailgate planned at Senior Center

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana will provide food for families in need at a tailgate distribution from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center, Living Well in Wabash County, 239 Bond St. Participants must enter the drive-through line from the Hill Street entrance of the city park. The distribution is while supplies last, and there is a limit of three families per vehicle. No tailgate distributions will take place when wind-chill is reported to be below 0 degrees or the heat index is reported to be 100 degrees. To learn how you can help, call Ryan Wagner at 260-563-4475.

## Valentine potluck lunch scheduled

Join the Annual Valentine Exchange and Luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Pre-registration is required. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12.

## Laketon American Legion Auxiliary plans Valentine's Day dinner

The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary has planned a special Valentine's Day dinner for 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at 15 N. Main St., Laketon. There will be a choice of prime rib or shrimp, potato, salad,

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# Wintry weather causes delays

**NWS: Wind chills of -10 degrees possible Friday morning**

**By ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A blast of snow and ice left

refuse trucks delayed Thursday throughout the area.

In a statement to the Plain Dealer, Bill Meyer, Republic Services operations managers, stated the hazardous road conditions overnight Wednesday and early Thursday were the cause of the postponement.

"Republic Services is running on an about a two-hour delay this morning," he stated. "Routes will be serviced as scheduled for Thursday pickups, although later in the day than normal due to the delay."

Also on Thursday, the National Weather Service

(NWS) Northern Indiana issued a hazardous weather outlook for the area.

"Wind chills will drop into the zero to 10 below 0 range outside of any cloud cover by Friday morning," stated the warning.

According to the NWS

forecast, some rain and snow are predicted for the weekend, but high temperatures should rise back above freezing by that point.

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## A very Valentine's Day Evening Tales



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Sarah Morbitzer, children's department manager, shows off paper hearts before distributing them for children to collect and turn in for prizes.

## Weekly NMPL program celebrates the holiday

**By ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Evening Tales is a weekly ritual for the children who frequent the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL).

But, on Monday evening, those in attendance were treated to a special Valentine's Day edition.

The session began with the children sitting in a circle while Sarah Morbitzer, children's department manager, read a coded story.

Wrapped prizes were passed from person to person whenever Morbitzer said the word "left" or "right" in the story. Whoever was holding the prize when the story finished got to keep the prize.

The children then split into two teams and moved to the hallway. Two volunteers stood at the other end as they took turns running down the hall. When they reached the volunteers they picked a paper heart out of the basket which instructed them how they should make their way back to the team. A deluge of children scissor-walking, skipping and jumping were then seen streaking down the hall while their teams



Children split into two teams to run relay races.

cheered for them.

The session finished with parachute time. Morbitzer showed off more paper hearts before throwing them onto the parachute. When the hearts finished falling to the ground, children scrambled for them on the ground, collecting them to turn in for prizes.

Evening Tales is scheduled for 6 p.m. Mondays, except for Feb. 17, which is canceled due to the library being closed because of President's Day.

A Valentine's Craft session is planned for 3:45 p.m. Friday when children will be



Paper hearts fly in the air during parachute time Monday.

invited to construct hot air balloons.

*Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain*

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## Smoking cessation report released

Local help available through Wabash County Tobacco-Free Coalition

**By STAFF REPORT**

Three decades after the first Surgeon General's report on smoking cessation, the Surgeon General released a new report that reviews and updates evidence on the importance of quitting smoking, according to a press release.

The report finds that more than two-thirds of U.S. adult cigarette smokers report interest in quitting cigarette smoking and the majority of adult cigarette smokers in the United States have tried to quit during the past year.

In addition to discussing the immediate and long-term health and economic benefits of smoking cessation at the individual and societal levels, this report presents updated findings on nicotine addiction and genetic factors that may impact smoking behaviors. Finally, the report discusses the wide variety of clinical and population-based interventions that have been scientifically shown to effectively increase smoking cessation.

Though cigarette smoking among American adults is at an all-time low (14 percent), it remains the leading cause of preventable disease, disability, and death in the United States.

Indiana's adults that smoke is above the national average (21.1 percent).

Wabash County has been below the state average for the last four years.

The latest data put out by the Tobacco Prevention Cessation Commission Indiana State Health Department reveals that there is an increase of adults that smoke (22 percent).

That puts us above the state average.

Approximately 34 million American adults currently

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## Preschool offering 'S is for Spring' March 3

Observations to be made through hiking, using senses

**By STAFF REPORT**

Preschool-age children and their adult family and friends are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "S is for Spring" 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews, according to a press release.

Observations of spring made through hiking and us-

ing your senses.

"Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme," stated the release.

The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127.

For more information on other UWIS programs, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://www.facebook.com/upperwabash).

## Manchester University Theatre Society offers variety show

Entertainment includes singers, dancers, comedians, bands, magic acts

**By ANNE GREGORY**

The Manchester University Theatre Society is putting on the Spring 2020 Variety Show at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 in Cordier Auditorium.

The show at the North Manchester campus is free and open to the public.

The entertainment in-

cludes singers, dancers, comedians, bands and magic acts.

"Theatre Society is growing as a student-produced organization, and one of our goals is to begin an annual variety show at Manchester, filled with the talents of students, professors, staff and more," said performing arts administration major Andy Vance, who is president of the Theatre Society.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.



Provided photo

Performing arts administration major Andy Vance is president of the Theatre Society.

# Probe: 911 dispatchers bungled fatal pond crash

MISHAWAKA (AP) — A 911 dispatcher speaking to a desperate driver who had veered into a frozen northern Indiana pond should have focused on advising her how to get herself and her three young children to safety instead of spending the beginning of the call trying to determine the pond’s location, an investigation found.

Research shows there is only about one minute for occupants to safely get out of a vehicle once it enters water, yet the dispatcher spent over 90 seconds during Brooke Kleven’s New Year’s Eve call trying to verify the location of the accident, according to a report released Wednesday.

Meanwhile, a second St. Joseph’s County dispatcher speaking to a bystander

who witnessed the crash and called 911 erred by classifying it as an “accident” rather than a “vehicle in water,” which delayed the response of a dive team to the location, the South Bend Tribune reported. It took 14 minutes from the time of Kleven’s call for a diver to enter the pond in Mishawaka.

The crash occurred when Kleven missed a curve— on an icy road. Two of Kleven’s children, 4-year-old James Kleven and 2-year-old Natalie Kleven, drowned. Brooke Kleven and her 3-month-old daughter, Hendrix Kleven, were critically injured but survived.

The two dispatchers have resigned since the crash but likely would have been disciplined if they hadn’t for failing to follow protocol

in an emergency situation, Ray Schultz, the dispatch center’s director, said in the report.

Schultz said it’s unclear why the second dispatcher did not use the dispatch’s center’s software to correctly code the incident. But he also said it would be “pure speculation” to suggest that the outcome of the crash would have changed had it not been for the dispatchers’ “missteps.”

“(Kleven) had gotten them all free. All of the children were out of their buckles and seat belts,” Schultz said. “She just ran out of time to get out of the vehicle.”

Brooke Kleven has been transferred to a rehabilitation facility, and her daughter Hendrix has been released from the hospital.

# NASA’s space snowman reveals secrets: few craters, no water

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA’s space snowman is revealing fresh secrets from its home far beyond Pluto.

More than a year after its close encounter with the snowman-shaped object, the New Horizons spacecraft is still sending back data from more than 4 billion miles away.

“The data rate is painfully slow from so far away,” said Will Grundy of Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, one of the lead authors.

Astronomers reported Thursday that this pristine, primordial cosmic body now called Arrokoth — the most distant object ever explored — is relatively smooth with far fewer craters than expected. It’s also entirely ultrared, or highly reflective, which is commonplace in the faraway Twilight Zone of our solar system known as the Kuiper Belt.

Grundy said in an email that to the human eye, Arrokoth would look less red and more dark brown, sort of like molasses. The reddish color is indicative of organic molecules.

While frozen methane is present, no water has yet been found on the body, which is an estimated 22 miles long tip to tip. At a news conference Thursday in Seattle, New Horizons’ chief scientist Alan Stern of Southwest Research Institute said its size was roughly that of the city.

As for the snowman shape, it’s not nearly as flat on the backside as previously thought. Neither the small nor big sphere is fully round, but far from the flatter pancake shape scientists reported a year ago. The research team likened the somewhat

flattened spherical forms to the shape of M&Ms.

No rings or satellites have been found. The light cratering suggests Arrokoth dates back to the formation of the solar system 4.5 billion years ago. It likely was created by a slow, gentle merger between two separate objects that possibly were an orbiting pair. The resulting fused body is considered a contact binary.

This kind of slow-motion hookup likely arose from collapsing clouds in the solar nebula, as opposed to intense collisions theorized to form these planetesimals, or little orbiting bodies.

New Horizons flew past Arrokoth on Jan. 1, 2019, more than three years after the spacecraft visited Pluto. Originally nicknamed Ultima Thule, the object received its official name in November; Arrokoth means sky in the language of the Native American Powhatan people.

Launched in 2006, the spacecraft is now 316 million miles beyond Arrokoth. The research team is looking for other potential targets to investigate. Powerful ground telescopes still under construction

will help survey this part of the sky.

Emerging technology will enable scientists to develop a mission that could put a spacecraft in orbit around Pluto, 3 billion miles away, according to Stern. After a few years, that same spacecraft could be sent even deeper into the Kuiper Belt to check out other dwarf planets and objects, he said.

The New Horizons scientists reported their latest findings at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as in three separate papers in the journal Science.

David Jewitt of the University of California, Los Angeles, who was not involved in the studies, said a flyby mission like New Horizons, where encounters last just a few days, is hardly ideal.

“For future missions, we need to be able to send spacecraft to the Kuiper Belt and keep them there” in orbit around objects, Jewitt wrote in a companion piece in Science. That would allow “these intriguing bodies to be studied in stunning geological and geophysical detail,” he noted.

**THE ROXY**  
MOVIE THEATER

**Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, February 14– Thursday, February 20**  
*All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.*

<b>Downhill (R)</b> Fri: 6:30, 8:55 Sat: 1:55, 4:15, 6:30, 8:55 Sun: 1:55, 4:15, 6:30 Mon– Thurs: 6:30	<b>Birds of Prey (R)</b> Fri: 6:35, 9:25 Sat: 1:20, 3:55, 6:35, 9:25 Sun: 1:20, 3:55, 6:35 Mon– Thurs: 6:35	<b>Dolittle (PG)</b> Fri: 6:50, 9:15 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 6:50 Mon– Thurs: 6:50
<b>Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)</b> Fri: 6:20, 9:05 Sat: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 9:05 Sun: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20 Mon– Thurs: 6:20	<b>1917 (R)</b> Fri: 7:00, 9:35 Sat: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:35 Sun: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00 Mon– Thurs: 7:00	

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**5-Day Weather Summary**

 <b>Friday</b> Sunny 15 / 9	 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy 33 / 23	 <b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 35 / 29	 <b>Monday</b> Scattered Rain 39 / 31	 <b>Tuesday</b> Rain & Snow Possible 36 / 23
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**Sun and Moon**

Today's sunset ..... 6:21 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:42 a.m.

Last  
2/15

New  
2/23

First  
3/2

Full  
3/9

**Detailed Local Outlook**

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 15°, humidity of 58%. West southwest wind 5 to 9 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 9°. South wind 5 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach -2°.

# Keto diet restricts carb intake to spur weight loss

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Can you please explain the keto diet? A bunch of my friends are on it, but it seems like they’re all doing it a different way.

**DEAR READER:** Your friends are among the millions of Americans who have jumped onto the keto bandwagon, making it the most popular diet in the United States right now.

**Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier**  
Ask the Doctors



The basic idea is simple: You cut carbohydrates to about 10 percent of your total food intake, typically fewer than 50 grams per day, and sometimes as low as 20 grams per day. This changes the way your body obtains energy. Instead of burning glucose, also known as blood sugar, your body is forced into Plan B — burning stored fat. This is a metabolic state called ketosis. The name comes from compounds produced by the liver, known as ketone bodies, which the body burns for energy when glucose, its favorite energy source, is not available.

Any eating plan that causes this shift from burning glucose to burning stored fat is a ketogenic diet. You can check whether you are in ketosis with special test strips, available at your local drugstore, which detect the presence of ketones in your urine.

The high-fat, low-protein, low-carbohydrate formula may be the most widely accepted version of a keto diet right now, but it’s not the only one of its kind. Depending on your age, some of you may remember the Stillman diet from the 1960s, which eliminated carbs completely and focused instead on animal proteins such as beef, chicken, fish, eggs and cottage cheese. Part of the secret to the rapid weight loss on that diet? Ketosis. Ditto for the Atkins diet, which uses ketosis in certain phases of its eating plan, as do the paleo and Zone diets, both of which restrict carbs.

Today’s keto diet, in which up to 90 percent of calories come from fat, dates back to the 1920s. Sometimes referred to as “classic keto,” it was originally developed to help manage epilepsy, but

soon fell out of favor with the advent of effective anti-seizure drugs. Other versions of the keto diet vary the percentages of fat, protein and carbohydrates, the trio of macronutrients our bodies require.

In addition to rapid weight loss, people in ketosis report decreased appetite. This makes sticking to such a restrictive way of eating a bit easier. The diet is also associated with improved insulin metabolism. However, while many people show improvements in blood lipids levels, the diet can raise levels of LDL cholesterol — the so-called “bad” cholesterol — in some people. Other challenges include headache, fatigue and irritability, particularly at the start of the diet. Many keto adherents also report dealing with chronic constipation, as well as

food boredom.

A ketogenic diet can be a good way to jump-start weight loss. That means a focus on high-quality whole foods, including olive oil, nuts, avocados and fatty fish. But since this diet eliminates entire food groups, it makes getting needed nutrients a challenge. We think it’s wise to check with a registered dietician, or with your family doctor, for advice and guidance.

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**WEDNESDAY'S LOTTERIES**

**Cash 5**  
03-10-19-31-37

**Cash4Life**  
02-09-13-44-60, Cash Ball: 2

**Lotto Plus**  
05-09-22-23-36-40

**Daily Three-Midday**  
2-2-6, SB: 3

**Daily Three-Evening**  
7-9-4, SB: 8

**Daily Four-Midday**  
2-8-3-2, SB: 3

**Daily Four-Evening**  
2-4-0-9, SB: 8

**Hoosier Lotto**  
09-16-19-23-30-31  
Estimated jackpot: \$8.8 million

**Mega Millions**  
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

**Powerball**  
14-47-54-55-68, Powerball: 25,  
Power Play: 2  
Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

**THURSDAY'S METALS**

Aluminum.....77  
Copper.....2.61  
Lead......84  
Zinc......97  
Gold.....1.574.63  
Silver.....17.69  
Platinum.....973.90

**AREA GRAIN**

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Thursday at Indianapolis-area  
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Soybeans: \$8.90.

# Obituaries

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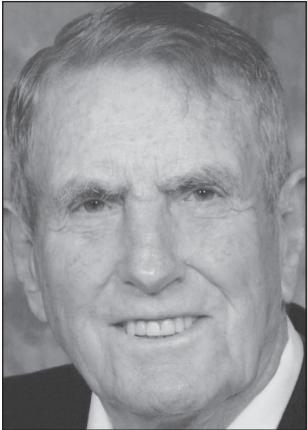
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### Robert Bible

May 22, 1925 – Feb. 9, 2020



Robert Bible, age 94, Muncie, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday Feb. 9, 2020. Robert was born on May 22, 1925 in Ottway, Tennessee. Bob was a proud veteran, having served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was employed by the C&O Railroad for nearly 40 years. He attended DeSoto United Methodist Church and enjoyed outside work, gardening, and visiting with his buddies. He was an avid supporter of his children’s and grandchildren’s sports, music and academic endeavors. He was known by his family for his values of working hard and always putting his family first and will continue to be an inspiration for future generations.

Survivors include his loving and faithful wife of 70 years, Alice June Bible, and

their children: Jennifer (Gehrig) Paschall, Doug (Jackie) Bible, and Judi Williams. He was a proud, loving grandfather of Nichole (Kelly) Harner, Natalie (Bill) Kreider, Ben Paschall, Matt (Erin) Huffman, Julia (Justin) Lain, Braden (Hayley) Paschall, and Sam Williams. Bob also took great delight in his 10

great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William H. & Ruth J. Bible, and 8 brothers: Lee, Ray, Paul, Doyle, June, Cleatus, Walter and Jim Bible.

Services will be 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 at Meacham Funeral Service. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery, DeSoto, with military rites provided by Veterans of Delaware County Honor Guard.

Visiting hours are Friday from 1 until 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to DeSoto United Methodist Church, 6309 N. Co. Rd. 500 E., Muncie, IN 47303; condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be given at [www.MeachamFuneralService.com](http://www.MeachamFuneralService.com).

### Patsy Rittenhouse

Patsy Rittenhouse, 83, Fort Wayne, Indiana, passed away Feb. 11, 2020.

Patsy Rittenhouse is survived by her husband, James “Jim” Rittenhouse; son, Michael (Cathy) Rittenhouse; brother, Robert “Bob” (Bernadine) Walgamuth; sev-

en grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Calling Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Highway E, New Haven, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at

the conclusion of calling. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester, IN.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

### Lawrence ‘Larry’ Craig Sims

Lawrence “Larry” Craig Sims passed away Feb. 11, 2020 at 11:25 a.m. at his residence. The memory of Larry will be forever cherished by his companion, Pamela Rhoades, North

Manchester; four brothers, Kenneth Sims, John Sims, David Sims, and Gregory Sims; three sisters, Elaine Sims, Carolyn Levine, Lillian Feathers; and one niece Renee Joseph. He was pre-

ceded in death by his parents, one brother J.D. Sims, and one sister, Evelyn Louise Griffin. There will be no services at this time.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

### Linda Kay Hamilton

Linda Kay Hamilton, 70, Silver Lake, Indiana passed away Feb. 11, 2020 at her home.

Linda will be dearly missed by her son, Randall R. (Jessica) Hartman; one daughter, Amber (Matthew) Enyeart;

one brother Larry (Peggy) Herendeen; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Richard L. and Tommy Herendeen.

A graveside service for Linda Kay Hamilton will be

held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery, Myrtle Glen Drive, Silver Lake, Indiana. Pastor Gregory Bradford will officiate the service.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

### James L. ‘Jim’ Cochran

Feb. 17, 1945 – Feb. 9, 2020

Funeral services for James L. “Jim” Cochran, 74, were held on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 S. Main Street, LaFontaine. The Reverend Susan

Shambaugh was the officiant and Marilyn Speicher was the organist. Family and friends shared memories of Jim.

Burial followed at the LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles

Cochran, Justin Gahl, James Thompson, Joe Partnerheimer, Matthew Cochran and Evan Razor.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

### SMOKING

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smoke cigarettes.

#### Major conclusions

This report expands on the findings from the 1990 report on the same topic, as well as past Surgeon General’s reports on tobacco, reaching the following major conclusions:

■ Smoking cessation benefits persons of any age.

■ Smoking cessation reduces the risk of premature death and can add as much as a decade to life expectancy.

■ Smoking places a substantial financial burden on smokers, healthcare systems, and society. Smoking cessation reduces this burden.

■ More than three out of five U.S. adults who have ever smoked cigarettes have quit. However, less than one-third use FDA-approved cessation medications or behavioral counseling.

■ Disparities in key indicators of smoking cessation exist among subgroups within the U.S. population – including quit attempts, receiving advice to quit from a health professional

and using cessation therapies.

■ Smoking cessation reduces the risk of many negative health effects, including reproductive health outcomes, cardiovascular diseases, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (or COPD) and numerous cancers.

■ Cessation medications approved by the FDA and behavioral counseling increase the likelihood of successfully quitting smoking, particularly when used in combination.

■ Insurance coverage for smoking cessation treatment that is comprehensive, barrier-free, and widely promoted increases the use of these treatment services, leads to higher rates of successful quitting and is cost-effective.

■ E-cigarettes, a continually changing and diverse group of products, are used in a variety of ways. Therefore, it is difficult to make generalizations about efficacy for cessation based on clinical trials involving a particular e-cigarette. There is presently inadequate evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes, in general, increase smoking cessation.

■ Smoking cessation can

be increased by raising the price of cigarettes, adopting comprehensive smoke-free policies, implementing mass media campaigns, requiring pictorial health warnings, and maintaining broad statewide tobacco control programs.

This Surgeon General’s report on smoking cessation, the 34th report on smoking and health since 1964, was compiled using a longstanding, peer-reviewed, and comprehensive process to safeguard the scientific rigor and practical relevance of Surgeon General’s reports on tobacco.

The evidence reviewed and summarized in this report can serve as a catalyst for efforts to further reduce the health and economic burden of tobacco product use in the United States.

For more information on the Surgeon General’s Report, visit [www.SurgeonGeneral.gov](http://www.SurgeonGeneral.gov) or [www.cdc.gov/CessationSGR](http://www.cdc.gov/CessationSGR).

For help to quit smoking, call the free state quitline, 800-Quit-Now.

There is local help through the Wabash County Tobacco-Free Coalition. Call 260-274-2920 to get one-on-one attention to help you be successful.

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dessert, drink and flower for the ladies for \$12.50. Advance tickets and carry-outs are available. For more information, call 260-306-0162.

### Wabash Kiwanis Club’s 100th Anniversary Gala planned

The gala will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs set for 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center’s Legacy Hall. For those who can’t attend the gala, financial donations of any size for Riley Hospital by individuals, businesses and organizations are also welcomed and appreciated. Checks can be mailed to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992 with “Riley” in the memo line.

### MSD to host community presentation Feb. 17

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

### ‘Ask a Teenager Tech Basics class scheduled

“Ask a Teenager” Tech Basics: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond Str. Sign up requested by calling 260-563-4475. Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students.

### Salamonie Preschool offers ‘E is for Energy!’

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “E is for Energy!” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://facebook.com/upperwabash).

### Honeywell Foundation’s annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at [mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org](mailto:mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org) or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

### Experience Mardi Gras, Wabash-style

From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Mentalist Chad Collyer, king cake, masks, beads, games and prizes. The 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen will be announced.

### Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manches-

ter campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

### Manchester hosts Polar Plunge to aid Special Olympics

Manchester invites residents of Wabash and Kosciusko counties to Freezin’ for a Reason on Saturday, Feb. 22 outside the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC). Team members can sign up as participants, which means they jump in the water, or “virtual plungers,” who raise money but do not get wet. To register, visit <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/soindiana/Polar-Plunge-North-Manchester>. Events begin at 10 a.m. with sign-ups and welcome, followed by costume judging at noon. The water portion is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with the After-Splash Bash lunch at 1:30 p.m.

### Manchester Civic Band looking for new members

A callout meeting has been planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Manchester High School band room through the double doors at the southeast corner of the building. Practices are held beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at either 8:30 or 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Manchester High School Band Room.

### MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

### Somerset Lions Club to hold euchre event

The Somerset Lions Club is set to host a euchre event Saturday, Feb. 29 in the Somerset Community Building. The entry fee is \$10. Registration is from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Play begins at 2 p.m. There will be cash prizes for Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two drawings for the entry fee. Soft drinks, hot dogs, cookies and chips will be available for a donation. Proceeds will support Somerset projects.

### Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney

High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center. For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>.

### Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150.

For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/>

MUCareerFair2020. Employers with questions may email [CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu](mailto:CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu).

### ‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260- 330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

### Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting [growwabashcounty.com/events](http://growwabashcounty.com/events), by emailing [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or calling 260-563-5258.

### Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

### Adult mental Health First Aid training planned

Purdue Extension program set for Tuesday, March 17. Purdue Extension will offer Adult Mental Health First Aid training from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the Wabash REMC Community Room, 350 Wedcor Ave. The Mental Health First Aid program is open to any adult. For more information, visit [www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa) or contact Mindy Mayes by email at [mayes7@purdue.edu](mailto:mayes7@purdue.edu) or by phone at 260-663-0661 ext. 1408.

### St. Trolley’s Day Tour on sale Feb. 14

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the St. Trolley’s Day Tour happening on March 14 will be available for purchase beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14. Tour times offered are 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. and will last about two hours. The St. Trolley’s Day Tour is \$25 per person and all-inclusive. To register for this tour, visit [www.Visit-WabashCounty.com](http://www.Visit-WabashCounty.com) and click on Tours/Trolley Rental. You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171. Tickets are \$25 per person and is due upon registration. Must be 21 or older to participate.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 123 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



"The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but he loves him who pursues righteousness."

- Proverbs 15:9

# Trump's budget is simultaneously austere and reckless

President Trump's latest budget proposal cuts spending with more abandon than purpose. The administration's plan slashes expenditures not to tame deficits, recognize economic realities or enable investments. These are cuts for their own sake, ending programs and services as an end in itself.

Trump's budget would shrink spending on the Environmental Protection Agency by 26 percent, the U.S. Agency for International Development by 22 percent and the Department of Housing and Urban Development by 15 percent. It would reduce health care subsidies under Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act by \$1 trillion, food stamps by \$181 billion and disability programs by \$75 billion over the next decade.

While a deadly virus is threatening a global pandemic, the administration

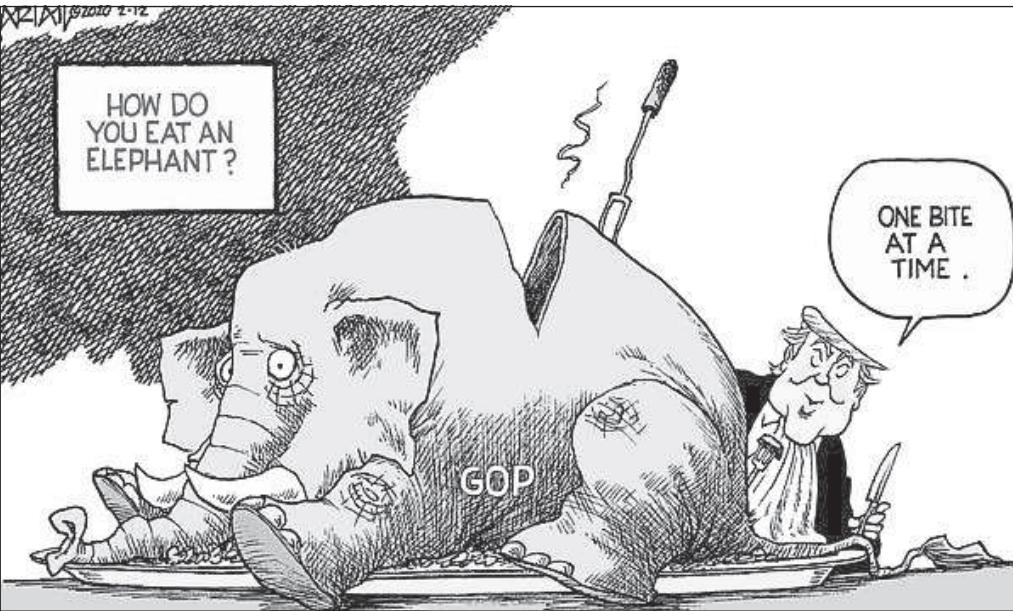
proposes a 16 percent cut to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With the Democratic presidential candidates debating how to stem \$1.5 trillion in outstanding higher education debt, it would reduce subsidized college loans and eliminate debt forgiveness for teachers and others in public-service professions. As the Food and Drug Administration grapples with the spread of vaping, it would strip nicotine regulation from the agency entirely and turn it over to a new bureaucracy within the Department of Health and Human Services – which, by the way, faces a 9 percent cut.

Remarkably, the White House prescribes all this slashing and burning without managing to improve the fiscal condition of the federal government. The budget deficit is poised to cross the trillion-dollar mark this year at a

time when, as Fed Chairman Jerome Powell noted Tuesday, the government should be reducing the shortfall. And yet Trump's spending plan abandons the goal of closing the deficit within a decade, purporting to do so in 15 years only by forecasting levels of economic growth that the administration has never achieved. Even with these rosy assumptions, the plan would more than double the Trump administration's roughly \$3 trillion contribution to the national debt by the end of 2024, much of it through tax cuts.

Congress' penchant for ignoring presidential budgets limits their practical impact. As such, the Trump administration's spending proposal should be read as a statement of cruel and reckless intentions.

*This editorial was first published in The San Francisco Chronicle.*



# Democrats' carnival of unintended consequences

The progressive party's Iowa caucuses were a hilarious parody of progressive governance – ambitious, complex, subtle and a carnival of unintended consequences. The party that promises to fine-tune everything, from the production of wealth to the allocation of health care to the administration of education, produced a fittingly absurd climax to what surely was Iowa's final strut as a national distraction.

Like a toddler trailing a security blanket across Iowa, Elizabeth Warren clung to identity politics with a fervor that suggested desperation and defied caricature. Eventual autopsies of her campaign, and perhaps of the Democrats' presidential hopes, should ponder this promise to Iowans: For the purpose of "restoring integrity and competence to government," she will have "at least 50 percent of Cabinet positions filled by women and nonbinary people," and a "young trans person" will vet her secretary of education candidates. In the Democrats' ideological auction, Warren bested Pete Buttigieg who, in what counts in today's Democratic Party as Solomonian centrism, promised only that half the members of his Cabinet will have two X chromosomes.

Four days before Iowa Democrats stumbled into futility, Bernie Sanders revealed to The New York Times the genesis of his socialism. Never mind the gulags, famines, Venezuelas and other wreck-ages, socialism is justified because the Dodgers decamped from Brooklyn to Los Angeles after the 1957 season when Sanders was 16. The Times says "perhaps no single event has proved more enduring in Mr. Sanders' consciousness – more viscerally felt in his

signature fury toward the 1 percent." Well.

In 1955, the Dodgers, with six future Hall of Famers, won the World Series but had an average attendance of just 13,423, barely better than MLB's worst-drawing 2019 team (Miami, 10,016). In 1950, St. Louis, the western-most major-league city, had two teams and Los Angeles had none. In Sanders' cartoonish understanding of reality, his explanation of everything he finds objectionable – other people's "greed" – explains the loss of what he still considers his eternal entitlement to the Dodgers being in Brooklyn. Never mind that many of the Dodgers' fans left Brooklyn, as did today's senator from Vermont who, by the way, when playing a like-minded rabbi for a film said that he despises "free agency crap" – the unionized players' hard-won right to negotiate terms of employment with teams of their choice.

Substituting indignation for information, Sanders' baseball nostalgia is akin to his claim that the average worker "is not making a nickel more" than 45 years ago. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says that from 1990 to 2016 the average household's inflation-adjusted income after taxes and government transfers increased 46 percent, and 66 percent for households in the bottom quintile.

Fortunately, there is something comparatively serious in America's political future. Super Tuesday, aka March 3, will allocate 1,357 delegates, 68 percent of the total needed to nominate. They will come mostly from (never mind American Samoa and Democrats abroad) 14 states that include five that the nominee will lose in November (Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Utah), three that he or she will win (California, Massachusetts, Vermont), five competitive ones (Maine, Minnesota, North Carolina,

Virginia, Colorado) and one (Texas) that might be competitive if the nominee is neither Warren nor Sanders.

If a few early states must initiate the nomination process, they should be unlike Iowa, which has a population just 14 percent larger than in 1960, compared with North Carolina (130 percent larger), Georgia (169 percent), Texas (203 percent), Colorado (228 percent) and Florida (334 percent). Michael Bloomberg, however, is giving a glimpse of another alternative – a national primary, or several regional primaries. His spending – \$250 million on television and internet ads in two months; approximately what Anheuser-Busch has spent advertising beer in the same period – will demonstrate either the steeply declining utility of political dollars or the manageable challenge for ordinary candidates to raise large sums from small donors in a nation that spends \$8 billion a year on potato chips.

Meanwhile, like startled pheasants flushed from an Iowa cornfield, the surviving Democratic aspirants have fluttered away. The silliest candidates have disappeared (remember Beto O'Rourke? didn't think so) and Iowa has at least clarified the Democrats' clashing theories: Americans are angry and hankering for more turmoil (Warren, Sanders), or Americans are embarrassed and exhausted by today's politics of obnoxious noise (everyone but Warren and Sanders).

Sanders and Warren find billionaires distasteful, and neither they nor their woker-than-thou supporters will graciously accept a rising Bloomberg, so Iowa was just a sample of the Democrats' coming self-inflicted wounds. Donald Trump's smiles usually look strained, like grimaces out of context, but perhaps not today.

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# Sex and gender equality

By RICHARD MCGOWAN

Gender issue have been in the news lately. Illinois, for example, passed a law in 2019 requiring changing stations in all public rest rooms. The law helps fathers, since many restrooms would have fathers change their baby's diapers on the counter near the sink or on the floor of the bathroom. The New York Times had an article Jan 19 entitled, "Why Mothers' Choices Often Feel Like No Choice." The article said "many parents – particularly women – feel their decisions about work and family are made within such constraints that they have little choice at all."

However, the Pew Research Center reported in 2019: "Just like mothers, many of today's fathers find it challenging to balance work and family life. About half of working dads (52 percent) said in 2015 that it is very or somewhat difficult to do so, a slightly smaller share than the 60 percent of working mothers who said the same." Consigning men to the working world means fathers "have little choice at all."

The Times had an article about the Equal Rights Amendment after it passed in Virginia. The article rarely used the word 'men' but made abundant use of the "women." Is the ERA about equality or about women?

Child custody decisions favor mothers, yet the Pew Research Center reported in 2018, "17 percent of all stay-at-home parents in 2016 were fathers, up from 10 percent in 1989."

That mothers need help, and that fathers don't, showed up in the last Democratic debate. The Wall Street Journal's Peggy Noonan wrote, "The candidates were indignant that women can be held from the workforce by the high cost of childcare." She added, "No one spoke with compassion . . . for mothers who forgo the earnings and status . . . and relationships . . . of having a job to stay home with kids under age four."

An earlier WSJ had an article entitled, "The Challenges That Working Mothers Still Face." The article listed problems that I faced in raising our children.

The idea that men should work while women take care of children teaches that being a father is a matter of indifference – yet "strong" feminists blame men for not taking care of their children. Go figure.

If the Equal Rights Amendment becomes law, maybe that will change, but I'm not optimistic. How often do media report data unfriendly to men? For example, the Department of Education reported that "In fall 2017, female students made up 56 percent of total undergraduate enrollment (9.4 million students), and male students made up 44 percent (7.3 million students)." Where is the outcry about the inequality?

What about the homeless? Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported that in 2017, "Just under 61 percent of people experiencing homelessness . . . were men, and 39 percent . . . were women." HUD added that "Gender varied by sheltered status. People staying in unsheltered locations were more likely to be men (71 percent), while people staying in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs were somewhat more likely to be women (55 percent)." Such data are rarely, if ever, found in media outlets.

The 2019 first-year enrollment in law school was 54 percent female and 46 percent male, according to the American Bar Association. The American Association of Medical Colleges reports that 52.4 percent of people in medical school are women, 46.6 percent are men. Should those imbalances bother us?

The disproportionate suspension rate in public secondary and elementary schools between whites and blacks is widely reported. The suspension rate between girls and boys? For 2014, out-of-school suspensions: 1,860,002 boys and 775,741 girls; for expulsion: 82,787 boys and 28,428 girls. In 2017, the National Center for Educational Statistics reported in percentages: 7.25 percent of suspensions were boys, 3.20 percent were girls; for expulsion, .32 percent boys, .12 percent girls. Given that data, what can Title IX mean?

And shouldn't the clear pattern of school discipline be reported? The answer depends not on whose ox is gored but on whether a female ox is gored.

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## HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2020. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

### Highlight in history:

On Feb. 14, 2018, a gunman identified as a former student opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, killing 17 people in the nation's deadliest school shooting since the attack in Newtown, Connecticut, more than five years earlier.

### On this date:

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1876, inventors Alexander Graham Bell and Elisha Gray applied separately for patents related to the telephone. (The U.S. Supreme Court eventually ruled Bell the rightful inventor.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

In 1913, labor leader Jimmy Hoffa was born in Brazil, Ind.; college football coach Woody Hayes was born in Clifton, Ohio; sports broadcaster Mel Allen was born in Birmingham, Ala.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

**Thought for Today:** "We are effectively destroying ourselves by violence masquerading as love." – R.D. Laing, Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989).

# Worship

## Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Feb. 16 at Asbury Country Church the Sunday school is 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader will be Amy Bullick. The music leader will be Roger Marine. The piano will be played by Cathy Staggs. The morning message by Pastor Mike Bullick will be, “God, Are You Kidding Me?”

## Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 16, worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Chris Tiedeman’s sermon is from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 titled, “Baby Talk.” Check us out at wabash-christumc.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash.

## First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 16, at First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St., worship services will be at 8 and 10 a.m., with a coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service in the MAC. At the 8 a.m. service, the prelude and postlude will be by Kathy Geible, and the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Pastor Nathan Whybrew. At both the 8 and 10 a.m. services,

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the scripture will be Isaiah 55:10-13, the children’s message will be by Tammy Whitenack, the sermon series will be “Visions of Success” and the sermon by Pastor Nathan Whybrew will be, “Study Vision.” At the 10 a.m. service, the prelude will be by Bettie Miller, the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Kevin Willour, the music will be by the Chancel Choir, and the postlude will be by Susan Vanlandingham. Visit us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/wabashfirstumc/.

## Wabash Church of the Brethren

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 to worship together at Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St. This week, Pastor Doug Veal continues his Sermon on the Mount series with “Love, Peace, and Jesus” based on Matthew 5:43-48. Children’s church and nursery are available during worship times. The church and sanctuary are handicapped accessible. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Our Bible study over the book of Philipians meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

## Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 worship service at

Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger’s sermon is titled, “Abram/Abraham: A Man of Obedience.” Sunday servants are Sue White, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Ladies Group, special music; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

## Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Sunday, February 16 services at the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school will be at 9 a.m., and the worship and children’s worship will be at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Keith and Darlene Ballee, and Connie Milam. Pastor Greg Wilburn will be sharing the message with us. At 6 p.m. the Belize Mission Team will be sharing. We invite all to come and worship with us. Visit our website at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

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## Rabbi Lord Sacks on the surge of anti-semitism

Andrew Neil of the BBC kept asking Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn the same question – over and over.

“Eighty percent of Jews think that you’re anti-Semitic,” he stressed. “Wouldn’t you like to take this opportunity tonight to apologize to the British Jewish community for what’s happened?”

Corbyn would not yield: “What I’ll say is this – I am determined that our society will be safe for people of all faiths.”

The Daily Express called this late-2019 clash a “horror show.” This BBC interview, with surging fears of public anti-Semitism, lingered in headlines as Brits went to the polls. Corbyn’s party suffered its worst defeat in nearly a century.

Meanwhile, in America, a wave of anti-Semitic attacks left Jews wondering if it was safe to wear yarmulkes and symbols of their faith while walking the sidewalks of New York City. In suburban Monsey, New York, a machete-waving attacker stabbed five people at a Hasidic rabbi’s Hanukkah party. Finally, thousands of New Yorkers marched to show solidarity with the Jewish community.

The NYPD estimates that anti-Semitic crimes rose 26 percent last year. Anti-Semitic hate crimes in New York, Los Angeles and Chicago are expected to hit an 18-year high, according to research at California State University, San Bernardino.

No one who watches the news can doubt that “the darkness has returned. It has returned likewise to virtually every country in Europe,” argued Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, who led the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth

from 1991 to 2013. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 2005 and entered the House of Lords.

“That this should have happened within living mem-

## Terry Mattingly



ory of the Holocaust, after the most systematic attempt ever made ... to find a cure for the virus of the world’s longest hate – more than half a century of Holocaust education and anti-racist legislation – is almost unbelievable. It is particularly traumatic that this has happened in the United States, the country where Jews felt more at home than anywhere else in the Diaspora.”

Why now? In an essay for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Rabbi Sacks urged religious and political leaders to study tends – often digital – behind these tragedies.

“Anti-Semitism, or any hate,” he argued, “becomes dangerous in any society when three things happen: when it moves from the fringes of politics to a mainstream party and its leadership; when the party sees that its popularity with the general public is not harmed thereby; and when those who stand up and protest are vilified and abused for doing so.”

Imagine the hellish “Protocols of the Elders of Zion” updated for the internet. In the age of smartphones and viral videos, noted Sacks, millions of people can brew hate online – rarely speaking face-to-face with their disciples or their victims. This gap creates what researchers call a “disinhibition effect” that turns up the heat.

“Cyberspace has proved to

be the most effective incubator of resentment, rancor and conspiracy theories ever invented,” noted Sacks. Most people “encounter these phenomena ... in the privacy of their own home. This allows them to be radicalized without anyone realizing it is happening. Time and again, we read of people carrying out horrific attacks, while those who knew them recall not having seen any warning signs that they were intent on committing evil attacks.”

It’s crucial to grasp the logic behind political and cultural fears on both the left and the right. Many people are furious because they believe the “world as it is now is not the way it used to be, or ought to be,” he argued.

“The far left has not recovered from the global collapse of communism and socialism as ideologies. ... The far right feels threatened by the changing composition of Western societies, because of immigration on an unprecedented scale and low birth rates among the native population. ... Many radical Islamists are troubled by dysfunctions in the Muslim world.”

Thus, many people around the world want to know why bad things are happening. Anyone seeking to fight anti-Semitism, Sacks wrote, needs to understand what can go wrong with that process.

“When bad things happen, good people ask, ‘What did I do wrong?’ ... Bad people ask, ‘Who did this to me?’ They cast themselves as victims and search for scapegoats to blame. The scapegoat of choice has long been the Jews.”

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

## The Bible has all the answers

The Bible is the only dependable source for us to know God’s voice. It alone has the answers to all eternal questions. Jesus and the writers of the New Testament considered the Scriptures as the final rule of authority. When the enemy tempted Him in the wilderness, He used only the authority of Scripture to say “It is written.”

The Bible is the blueprint, a way to truth and is sufficient for teaching all moral and spiritual information by which we can successfully live daily. (2 Peter 1:3) The intent of the New Testament is so that we “may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God” so that “by believing” we will “have life in his name” (John 20:30-31).

It is vitally important that every one of us relies completely upon the Holy Spirit to direct and guide us in understanding and effectively applying God’s Word in every situation we find ourselves. Holy Spirit has the responsibility to illuminate scriptures so that God’s word can be understood. It is His responsibility to see that the “good work” that was started in each Believer at the moment of salvation “will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

It must be God’s written Word, which is the cognitive concrete foundation, to base all decisions and beliefs. The Bible must be studied from God’s perspective, not our own. Only the Bible is truly God’s Word, and it declares that Jesus Christ is the “Word of God” (Rev 19:13 NIV) and is its author.

Many of us just read the Bible however, we can better understand and know God’s love and character, “if we” Study His Word. For many of us, “We think” Study, am I back in school? Well, how important is your eternity? The Bible can give you hope when you are struggling in hard times. We all go through trials and hardships, but when we can go to His Word and read How much He loves us, and how we can live a better life, “if we” follow his precepts, we can know for sure He holds us and protects us never letting us go. The more you get into His Word the closer you will feel to God.

I for one have been concerned that too many people just depend on the Minister to give them the Word and then never pick their Bible up through the week. Look, in the world, we live in today, with all that



Provided photo  
Roxane Mann is pastor at The Lord’s Table.

is happening in the middle east and now the coronavirus. I wonder why it seems more people aren’t waking up! It seems we have been desensitized to our surroundings. But if we knew what was coming, we would better know how we could be prepared.

**Matthew 24:42-44 (CSBBible)**  
42 Therefore be alert, since you don’t know what day your Lord is coming.

43 But know this: If the homeowner had known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not let his house be broken

into.  
44 This is why you are also to be ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

I recently heard someone say that old story about what the Bible stands for and have had that Trane of thought in my mind. B. Basic, I. Instruction, B. Before, L. Leaving, E. Earth. Boy, is that so true? He gives us His Word so that we will be prepared for life, love, work and what to do when we see the end coming. I see the times coming. How about you? We as Christians should do all we can do, to introduce people we know to Jesus. They need our preaching; they need the love of Christ. We have become lazy about our Father’s work. He gave us all a job to do, are you doing it? Am I doing it? Maybe we should all start doing it?

**Mark 16:15 (NASB)**  
15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

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 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade).

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## HEART TO HEART



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Everywhere you look there are hearts...plain, fancy, big, small, paper, candy...could it be Valentine's Day? There are as many varieties of hearts as there are people. Some have "big hearts," others are "soft-hearted." There are those who "wear their hearts on their sleeve," and there are "sweethearts." Why not open your heart this Valentine's Day and have a "heart to heart" with someone you care for. As you worship this week, thank God for His love for you as He dwells within your heart.

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## NASCAR renames trophy after France family

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The trophy awarded to NASCAR's champion will be called the Bill France Cup beginning this season.

The renaming is a tribute to Bill France Sr., who founded NASCAR in 1947, as well as his son, Bill France Jr., who elevated the sport to national prominence as chairman from 1972 to 2003.

"As the sport ushers in a new era, it's fitting that my father's name is associated with the highest mark of excellence in our sport," said Jim France, NASCAR chairman and CEO. "My father and brother's vision for NASCAR has been realized, many times over, as millions of fans follow and engage each week with the best racing in the world."

The Bill France Cup was created by Jostens and maintains the size and shape of last year's championship trophy. It features outlines of the 24 NASCAR Cup Series racetracks that comprise the 2020 schedule.

The trophy design will be updated as the race schedule changes and new tracks become part of the Cup Series schedule.

## MLB proceeds with new rule changes for 2020

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball went ahead with its planned rules changes for this season, including the requirement a pitcher must face at least three batters or end the half-inning, unless he is hurt.

The changes were agreed to by MLB and the players' association last March 8, subject to the study of a joint committee. The three-batter minimum will start in spring training games on March 12.

There were 2,162 pitching appearances of three batters or fewer last year, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, but 1,471 of them finished with the end of a half-inning or a game.

The active roster limit will increase by one to 26 from opening day through Aug. 31, will drop from 40 to 28 through the end of the regular season and return to 26 for the postseason. Each team may have a maximum 13 pitchers through Aug. 31 and during the postseason, and 14 from Sept. 1 through the end of the regular season.

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# Guessing game: Trying to predict the Daytona 500

By MARK LONG  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Survival is the most important skill in the Daytona 500.

NASCAR's season opener is a three-hour, white-knuckle thrill ride in cramped quarters at 200 mph that's as much about finding holes and help than having speed and handling.

The fastest car rarely wins and has as good a shot at ending up in the junkyard as victory lane.

It's why little-known Michael McDowell has nearly as many top-10 finishes

at Daytona International Speedway as stars Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick and Jimmie Johnson since the famed track was repaved in 2010.

McDowell is far from the only fluke. A look into recent top-10s at Daytona highlights the unpredictable nature of superspeedway racing and gives hope to every driver in the 40-car field. "To finish first, you must finish, right?" veteran driver Clint Bowyer said. "You've got to get there. Literally the hardest thing to do is get to the end of that race with all four of your fenders on."

Thirty years after Der-

rike Cope notched arguably the most improbable win in Daytona 500 history, the track has reached new heights — more of a "who's that" scenario than a who's who of auto racing running up front at the end.

"Think about the way it was when I first started, what you had to overcome handling, slipping and sliding around and a gutsy move," said the 40-year-old Bowyer, who is 0 for 14 in "The Great American Race" and winless in 28 Cup Series starts at Daytona.

"Now it's survival. You've got to survive," he said. "You've got to figure out how to find that hole that's

a safe hole that you can survive and make it to the end."

McDowell, Chris Buescher, Matt DiBenedetto, AJ Allmendinger, Ty Dillon and Erik Jones are among those with more top-10s at Daytona than Kyle Larson, who is considered one of NASCAR's most complete and capable drivers.

Austin Dillon, Paul Menard and Ryan Newman have combined for more top-10s at the famed track than Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch and Brad Keselowski.

Odd, right? Some of the races look downright off, even for Daytona.

Ryan Preece and Ross

Chastain slipped into the top 10 in last year's 500 following two late crashes that knocked out nearly half the field.

Austin Dillon notched his second career Cup Series victory in the 2018 opener thanks partly to a 12-car pileup in overtime. Dillon led just one lap, the last one.

The July race at Daytona has been even more chaotic.

Rookie Justin Haley won last year's rain-shortened debacle that also included Corey LaJoie, DiBenedetto and Matt Tifft in the top 10. It was the second straight

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# Norse eye regional title repeat



By JACOB RUDE  
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For the second straight season, the Northfield girls' basketball team will lace up for regional play on Saturday. And for the second straight season, the Norse will enter as heavy favorites to advance to semi-state.

Northfield is the lone ranked team in the four-team regional at Tri-Central, ending the season ranked No. 16 in the Class A poll. Northfield's 19-6 record is one loss worse than North Vermillion's 20-6 mark for the best win-loss percentage in the regional.

The Norse will play in the second contest of the opening round, meeting a Daleville side that is the lone team in the regional with a losing record. The Broncos earned wins over Cowan and Tri-Central to earn the regional crown, marking the two latest wins in a streak of four straight.

Junior forward Heather Pautler leads Daleville on the year, averaging 15.9 points and 9.3 rebound per game as well as 3.3 steals per contest. The program's all-time leading scorer, Pautler's best performance this season came in a win over Wes-Del where she scored 30 points with 11 rebounds as well.

The two sides have played two common foes in Bluffton and Madison-Grant. The Broncos met the former on Nov. 15 by a final of 59-34 while the Norse beat Bluffton 58-35 on Jan. 7. Daleville dropped a narrow result on Jan. 21 to Madison-Grant 45-39. Two nights later, Northfield knocked off the Argylls on the road 46-37.

Northfield has never met Daleville, having faced Cowan from Sectional 55 in last year's regional opener.

In the other half of the bracket, North Vermillion will face off against Blue River Valley. The two teams met in last year's regional opener with Blue River earning a 57-42 win to advance to the final.

The Falcons' 20 wins this season featured two separate six-game win streaks.

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Northfield's Addi Baker (right) makes a pass to a teammate on a fastbreak during the first half of last week's sectional championship game against Southwood.

# Tokyo, IOC reiterate that the Olympics are on despite virus

By STEPHEN WADE  
Associated Press

TOKYO — Tokyo Olympic organizers reiterated their message on Thursday at the start of two days of meetings with the International Olympic Committee: The 2020 Games will not be waylaid by the virus that is spreading from neighboring China.

"I would like to make it clear again that we are not considering a cancellation or postponement of the games. Let me make that clear," organizing committee president Yoshiro Mori said, speaking through an interpreter to dozens of top IOC officials gathered in Tokyo.

The Olympics open in just over five months, and the torch relay begins next month in Japan.

Japan reported its first death from the coronavirus on Thursday, a development that will add to the jitters among organizers and IOC officials. Japan has confirmed almost 250 cases, including 218 from a cruise ship quarantined at the port of Yokohama, near Tokyo.

Sitting among the IOC officials this time was Dr. Richard Budgett, the IOC's medical and scientific di-

rector who does not always travel for these inspection visits.

Last week Toshiro Muto, the CEO of the Tokyo organizing committee, said he was "seriously worried that the spread of the infectious disease could throw cold water on the momentum toward the games."

He backed down a day later and said he was confident the games would go forward, which is the message this time.

On Wednesday, the virus forced the cancellation of a Formula One race set for April in Shanghai, which draws more than 100,000 over a race weekend.

The Hong Kong and Singapore rounds of the World Rugby Sevens Series were rescheduled from April to October on Thursday, with organizers saying the decision was taken "in response to continued health concerns relating to" the outbreak of the virus. Also, the Sport Accord conference, an event with close ties to the Olympic movement, will not take place in Beijing in April as scheduled, organizers said Thursday.

The virus has also wiped out the indoor world track and field championships in

Nanjing, golf tournaments, soccer matches, and almost all sports in China, including Olympic qualifying events. It is also keeping Chinese athletes from traveling to qualify, which could put their presence in Tokyo in jeopardy.

Saburo Kawabuchi, a former Olympian and the so-called mayor of the Olympic Village that will house 11,000 athletes and thousands more staff members, suggested Tokyo's hot and humid summer would stop the virus.

"The biggest concern is the coronavirus and the infection," he said, speaking in Japanese. "Currently we don't have any clue when this issue will be resolved. Based on various pieces of information we receive, it seems that this virus is not as strong as the influenza virus. The virus is susceptible to humidity and heat. In Japan, we have the rainy season which could defeat the virus."

John Coates, an IOC member who heads the regular inspection visits to Tokyo, said he expected to receive reports on the virus from the Japanese officials in order to see the "necessary precautions that are being taken."

## ANALYSIS

# Commitment in college football is simply self-preservation

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
AP College Football Writer

College football needs to place a moratorium on the use of the words loyalty and commitment.

Everybody involved, coaches, administrators and, yes, even players have ceded the right to demand it from others.

"I think what we have created is a disloyal business model," said Gerry DiNardo, a former college football coach and current Big Ten network analyst. "I'm convinced this is no longer an educational endeavor. This is a completely business endeavor. Young coaches enter the profession now knowing they can be millionaires."

The latest coach to toss loyalty aside to scoop up a few more million is Mel Tucker, who was hired away from Colorado by Michigan State on Wednesday.

A little more than a year ago, Colorado made Tucker a very rich man with a \$14.8 million deal over five years, in December 2018 to rebuild a football program that has had one winning season

since joining the Pac-12 in 2011.

Tucker, 48, had been a longtime assistant in the NFL and at the highest levels of college football, working under Nick Saban at Alabama and Kirby Smart at Georgia, before becoming a head coach for the first time at Colorado.

Michigan State had Tucker on a short list of possible replacements for Mark Dantonio, who showed the extent of his loyalty to the school and players by announcing his retirement the day before a new crop of recruits signed with the Spartans — and a few weeks after receiving a \$4.3 million bonus.

Tucker, realizing he wasn't at the top of Michigan State's list, took the opportunity to proclaim his commitment to the Buffaloes on Twitter just three days ago. He probably wasn't going to get the job, but it benefited Tucker to let it be known he was in demand.

When Luke Fickell, choice No. 1 for Michigan State, decided he was better off

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# 1980 Lake Placid Olympics still resonate four decades later

By JOHN KEKIS  
Associated Press

Scott Hamilton gets goosebumps at the mention of Lake Placid.

He was a 21-year-old Olympic newcomer and sitting in a darkened theater when he felt a tap on his shoulder.

“Halfway through the movie I get pulled out by our team captains,” the figure skating great recalled. “They tried to make me think that I was being thrown out of the Olympics. Then they broke the news. I remember I was shaking so badly that when we went back to the Olympic Village cafeteria I was pouring coffee and spilling it all over my hands.”

Hamilton had just been chosen to carry the American flag at the opening ceremony for the 1980 Winter Games in the Adirondack village in northern New York and was trying to make sense of it all.

“They had to nominate somebody,” he said with a laugh. “I remember when they brought it up and thinking, ‘Wouldn’t it be something carrying the flag in the opening ceremony?’ You sort of immediately delete it. There were so many other people.”

It didn’t even seem a remote possibility.

“Then when it happens, ‘What in the world?’” he said.

Hamilton finished fifth in men’s singles, just behind teammates Charles Tickner (bronze) and David Sante. Four years later, he captured a gold medal at the Sarajevo Games after winning the first three of his four consecutive world titles.

“It was a breakthrough performance,” Hamilton said. “It was pretty cool, the crowds and how they responded and just being able to get through the Olympics in such a way that I was really optimistic about my future. Being in Lake Placid was exciting. That whole Olympics is beyond description in the excitement level, the Olympics in your own backyard.”

Forty years later, Hamilton will be among an array of athletes returning to celebrate the Olympics of the “Miracle on Ice” — when

Many Olympic hosts have faded into obscurity when their games ended, but not here. We rejoice in them each day, and rightfully so. They took place at an important time in the history of the United States. We should never forget how this community and the games uplifted an entire country when it was really needed.”

ED WIEBRECHT  
Lake Placid, N.Y. business owner

the U.S. hockey team upset the mighty Soviet Union – as well as Eric Heiden’s five speedskating gold medals, all in record time and outside in the elements.

The celebration begins Friday evening with a torch run featuring nine runners who carried the flame in 1980 – Steve Simon, Suzy Mink, John Beaumont, Carol Arnold, Sandee Norris, Debbie Richardson, Beverly Johnson, Sean McDevitt, and Alison Carlson. The lighting of the cauldron at the North Elba Show Grounds will touch off the festivities.

It’s an important moment for the village, which will host the 2023 Winter World University Games, and a reminder of its place as one of only three resort towns to host two Winter Olympiads (St. Moritz, Switzerland, and Innsbruck, Austria are the others). The 1932 Winter Olympics put the village on the winter sports map and the 1980 Games helped transform it into a year-round destination.

“It’s a big deal,” said 81-year-old Jim Shea, the son of two-time Olympic gold medalist Jack Shea, a hometown hero. “We’ve been around a long time. We’re so lucky to be in a community that has so many people that care.”

Jack Shea won two speedskating golds in 1932 and four decades later helped land the 1980 Games. He died at 91 after a car crash on the eve of the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games. His grandson Jimmy had qualified in skeleton to make the Sheas the first family with three generations

of Olympians.

“My dad, I know he would be proud,” said Jim Shea, who competed in Nordic combined at Innsbruck in 1964 and watched his son win gold in Salt Lake City. “He was so proud of his involvement in the Olympics for all those years. God, he loved it. He always had this community pride and he wasn’t embarrassed to tell anybody about it.”

Most members of the U.S. hockey team will celebrate in Las Vegas on Feb. 22 with the NHL’s Golden Knights on the exact anniversary of the electrifying triumph over the Soviets. But Buzz Schneider will make an appearance next week in Lake Placid at an athletes forum before joining his teammates.

Also among more than 20 former Olympians participating in events available to the public are 1994 gold medalist speedskater Dan Jansen and 11 members of the 1980 U.S. figure skating team, dubbed the “Dream Team,” including Linda Fratianne, Tai Babilonia, Michael Botticelli, Tickner, Santee, and Hamilton, a cancer survivor who will host a cancer fundraiser at the speedskating oval.

The Lake Placid Games were staged at a time of international upheaval. The Soviet Union had invaded Afghanistan, militants in Iran had seized the U.S. embassy in Tehran, and the United States boycotted the Summer Olympics in Moscow later in the year because of the situation in Afghanistan.

“Given the legacy of the 1980 Winter Games, we must never underestimate their significance in Lake Placid,” said Ed Weibrecht, president of the local chamber of commerce in 1980 and longtime owner of the Mirror Lake Inn. “Many Olympic hosts have faded into obscurity when their games ended, but not here. We rejoice in them each day, and rightfully so. They took place at an important time in the history of the United States.

“We should never forget how this community and the games uplifted an entire country when it was really needed.”

# Chicagoans: City not just NBA host, it’s the Mecca of hoops

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

CHICAGO — The NBA is headquartered in New York. Anthony Davis, one of the game’s biggest names, plays in Los Angeles.

Both, unquestionably, are world-class cities.

But in Davis’ eyes, they both pale to his hometown. And this weekend, the Chicago native believes the eyes of the basketball world are where they belong – on his city.

“Chicago basketball,” the Lakers’ forward said. “There is nothing like Chicago basketball.”

Chicago is called the Second City, though no one from Chicago believes that the city is second to any other city on the planet – particularly those who represent the city in the NBA. L.A. has the glitz and glamour of the Lakers and now the Clippers, New York has the tradition of Madison Square Garden and possibly the best-known outdoor court in the world at Rucker Park, but Chicago guys scoff at the notion that the game means more anyplace else.

That’s why hosting All-Star weekend, with the events beginning in earnest Friday, is a badge of honor for Chicago. It’s been more than 20 years since Michael Jordan and the Bulls finished their run of six titles in eight years, nearly a decade since native son Derrick Rose gave the city its last NBA MVP and five years since the city celebrated winning an NBA playoff series. Though the Bulls are not good these days, anywhere one looks in the city Bulls red-and-black gear is still being worn proudly by a steeled fan base.

“Chicago is the Mecca of the game,” Davis said.

It’s silly to argue that with anyone from Chicago, since the agreement is basically unanimous. It’s the city that gave the NBA players like Dwyane Wade and Isiah Thomas, George Mikan and Maurice Cheeks, Mark Aguirre and Tim Hardaway. It boasts Cazzie Russell and Terry Cummings, Eddie Johnson and Dan Issel, Juwan Howard

and Jeff Hornacek.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski was born in Chicago. So was Doc Rivers, now the Clippers coach and a one-time NBA All-Star – back in 1988, the last time the league’s showcase weekend was in the Windy City.

“As far as I’m concerned, Chicago IS basketball,” Rivers said.

Rivers has a story that he thinks sums up the city’s love affair – and its affinity – for basketball. He recalls March 4, 1978, the day that the Chicago Daily News published for the final time in its 102-year history.

Much of the paper that day was devoted to its own history, which included 15 Pulitzer Prizes. Also covered in that final paper: high school basketball from the night before.

“Basketball, even high school basketball, is important in Chicago,” Rivers said. “They were covering it on the last day of their paper. That’s how important it was. It’s very important to the city. And I was lucky enough to be part of that.”

There will be plenty of Chicago flavor at this All-Star: Davis is in Sunday’s game, Patrick Beverley of the Clippers is in Saturday’s skills competition, and Miami’s Kendrick Nunn is in Friday’s Rising Stars game.

Much of the entertainment the NBA is showcasing over the course of the weekend is also from Chicago: Jennifer Hudson was booked this week to perform a pre-All-Star game tribute to Kobe Bryant and the other victims of the helicopter crash that took the former NBA players life; Chance the Rapper and Common will play big roles throughout the weekend as well; Queen Latifah is performing during All-Star Saturday.

Also Saturday, President Barack Obama – another proud Chicagoan, and like Rivers an unabashed White Sox fan in a baseball-loving city where Cubs allegiance runs deep – will be hosting a roundtable discussion with several NBA players.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Standings through Wednesday

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						Conference All Games					
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct					
Louisville	12	2	.857	21	4	.840					
Duke	11	2	.846	21	3	.875					
Florida St.	10	3	.769	20	4	.833					
Virginia	8	5	.615	16	7	.696					
NC State	7	6	.538	16	8	.667					
Syracuse	7	6	.538	14	10	.583					
Notre Dame	6	7	.462	15	9	.625					
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429	15	10	.600					
Clemson	6	8	.429	12	12	.500					
Boston College	6	8	.429	12	13	.480					
Georgia Tech	6	8	.429	12	13	.480					
Virginia Tech	5	8	.385	14	10	.583					
Miami	4	10	.286	12	12	.500					
Wake Forest	4	10	.286	11	13	.458					
North Carolina	3	10	.231	10	14	.417					

**Wednesday's Games**  
Miami 85, Boston College 58  
Georgia Tech 64, Louisville 58  
Clemson 72, Pittsburgh 52

**Saturday's Games**  
Syracuse at Florida St., Noon  
Wake Forest at Miami, 2 p.m.  
Louisville at Clemson, 4 p.m.  
Notre Dame at Duke, 4 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.  
Virginia at North Carolina, 8 p.m.

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						Conference All Games					
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct					
Seton Hall	10	2	.833	18	6	.750					
Creighton	8	4	.667	19	6	.760					
Villanova	8	4	.667	18	6	.750					
Butler	7	5	.583	19	6	.760					
Marquette	7	5	.583	17	7	.708					
Providence	6	6	.500	13	12	.520					
Xavier	5	7	.417	16	9	.640					
Georgetown	4	7	.364	14	10	.583					
St. John's	3	9	.250	14	11	.560					
DePaul	1	10	.091	13	11	.542					

**Wednesday's Games**  
Butler 66, Xavier 61  
Creighton 87, Seton Hall 82  
St. John's 80, Providence 69  
Villanova 72, Marquette 71

**Saturday's Games**  
Georgetown at Butler, 2:30 p.m.  
DePaul at Creighton, 7:30 p.m.  
Seton Hall at Providence, 8 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE						Conference All Games					
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct					
Maryland	10	3	.769	20	4	.833					
Penn. St.	9	4	.692	19	5	.792					
Michigan St.	9	5	.643	17	8	.680					
Iowa	8	5	.615	17	7	.708					
Illinois	8	5	.615	16	8	.667					
Rutgers	8	6	.571	17	8	.680					
Wisconsin	7	6	.538	14	10	.583					
Purdue	7	7	.500	14	11	.560					
Ohio St.	6	7	.462	16	8	.667					
Michigan	6	7	.462	15	9	.625					
Minnesota	6	7	.462	12	11	.522					
Indiana	5	7	.417	15	8	.652					
Nebraska	2	11	.154	7	17	.292					
Northwestern	1	12	.077	6	17	.261					

**Wednesday's Games**  
Ohio St. 72, Rutgers 66  
Michigan 79, Northwestern 54

**Thursday's Game**  
Iowa at Indiana

**Saturday's Games**  
Purdue at Ohio St., Noon  
Northwestern at Penn St., Noon  
Wisconsin at Nebraska, 2:15 p.m.  
Illinois at Rutgers, 4:30 p.m.  
Maryland at Michigan St., 6 p.m.

Wednesday's Men's Result

NO. 19 BUTLER 66, XAVIER 61

**XAVIER (16-9)**  
Carter 2-7 0-0 4, Freemantle 4-8 0-0 9, Jones 7-8 5-7 19, Marshall 8-15 2-4 20, Scruggs 1-9 0-0 3, Goodin 0-0 0-0 0, Baddley 1-5 0-0 3, Moore 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 24-55 7-11 61.

**BUTLER (19-6)**  
Golden 2-6 0-0 4, McDermott 4-9 4-4 14, Nze 4-9 0-0 8, Baldwin 3-11 4-7 11, Thompson 3-4 0-2 6, Tucker 4-9 0-0 10, Baddley 3-3 0-0 9, Smits 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 25-53 8-13 66.  
Halftime—Butler 32-23, 3-Point Goals—Xavier 6-16 (Marshall 2-4, Freemantle 1-1, Moore 1-3, Tandy 1-3, Scruggs 1-5), Butler 8-21 (Baddley 3-3, McDermott 2-6, Tucker 2-7, Baldwin 1-4, Golden 0-1). Rebounds—Xavier 29 (Jones 10), Butler 25 (McDermott 6). Assists—Xavier 12 (Marshall 7), Butler 12 (Baldwin 5). Total Fouls—Xavier 16, Butler 16. A—8,878 (9,100).

Wednesday's Men's Scores

**EAST**  
Hartford 66, Albany (NY) 60  
Kansas 58, West Virginia 49  
Lehigh 89, Holy Cross 82  
Navy—Lowell 71, Maine 63  
Mass 60, Bucknell 59  
Niagara 69, Canisius 66  
Richmond 74, La Salle 47  
St. John's 80, Providence 69  
Stony Brook 75, Binghamton 70  
Towson 71, Regent University 55  
Vermont 74, New Hampshire 50  
Villanova 72, Marquette 71

**SOUTH**  
Auburn 95, Alabama 91, OT  
Chattanooga 86, VMI 67  
Furman 86, Samford 71  
George Mason 72, VCU 67  
Georgia Tech 64, Louisville 58  
Northwestern St. 70, Incarnate Word 60  
Sam Houston St. 79, SE Louisiana 70  
South Carolina 75, Georgia 59  
Temple 72, Tulane 68  
UAB 83, Middle Tennessee 72  
UNC-Greensboro 82, W. Carolina 62

**MIDWEST**  
Bradley 72, Indiana St. 61  
Butler 66, Xavier 61  
Loyola of Chicago 73, Evansville 66  
Michigan 79, Northwestern 54  
Missouri St. 97, Drake 62  
N. Iowa 71, Illinois St. 63  
Ohio St. 72, Rutgers 66  
South Dakota 85, W. Illinois 72  
Valparaiso 55, S. Illinois 38

**SOUTHWEST**  
Abilene Christian 81, Houston Baptist 67  
Cent. Arkansas 73, New Orleans 68  
Florida 78, Texas A&M 61  
Oklahoma 90, Iowa St. 61  
Robert 81, Nebraska-Omaha 78, OT  
SMU 79, UConn 75

**FAR WEST**  
Fresno St. 84, San Jose St. 78, OT  
Nevada 82, UNLV 79, OT  
UC Irvine 63, UC Riverside 59

Wednesday's Women's Scores

**EAST**  
Albany (NY) 63, Hartford 40  
Boston U. 60, Colgate 58  
Dayton 52, UMass 51  
Holy Cross 65, Lehigh 62  
La Salle 61, George Washington 54  
Lafayette 67, Army 58  
Maine 77, Mass.—Lowell 53  
Rhode Island 72, Saint Louis 63  
Vermont 44, New Hampshire 42

**SOUTH**  
New Orleans 85, Cent. Arkansas 73  
Richmond 67, Duquesne 64, OT  
**MIDWEST**  
Ball St. 60, Toledo 58  
Cincinnati 78, Tulsa 53  
E. Michigan 70, Bowling Green 58  
Kent St. 60, Akron 55  
Memphis 69, Wichita St. 60  
N. Illinois 86, Miami (Ohio) 84, OT  
W. Michigan 74, Buffalo 62

**SOUTHWEST**  
Abilene Christian 71, Houston Baptist 54  
Baylor 81, TCU 62  
Incarnate Word 76, Northwestern St. 39  
Iowa St. 69, Texas 51  
Nicholls 62, Lamar 60  
Sam Houston St. 81, SE Louisiana 75  
Stephen F. Austin 72, Texas A&M-CC 49  
Texas Tech 89, Kansas 72  
UCF 67, Houston 49

**FAR WEST**  
Boise St. 74, Air Force 69  
Colorado St. 67, Utah St. 61  
Fresno St. 78, San Jose St. 76  
Nevada 62, UNLV 59  
San Diego St. 67, New Mexico 58  
UC Davis 71, Cal Poly 58

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Remaining Free Agents

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
NEW YORK (AP) — The 50 remaining free agents:  
BALTIMORE (1) — Mark Trumbo, dh-of-1b.  
BOSTON (3) — Andrew Cashner, rhp; Brock Holt, inf-of; Steve Pearce, 1b-of.

SCOREBOARD

ON THE AIR

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

**(WOMEN'S)**  
**3:30 a.m.**  
FS2 — Melbourne vs. Western

**11 p.m.**  
FS2 — Greater Western Sydney vs. North Melbourne

**1 a.m. (Saturday)**  
FS2 — Richmond vs. Gold Coast

**3 a.m. (Saturday)**  
FS2 — Fremantle vs. West Coast  
**AUTO RACING**  
**2 p.m.**

FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Practice, Daytona Beach, Fla.

**3 p.m.**  
FS1 — NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series: Qualifying, Daytona Beach, Fla.

**4:30 p.m.**  
FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Final Practice, Daytona Beach, Fla.

**5 p.m.**  
FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Practice, Daytona Beach, Fla.

**7:30 p.m.**  
FS1 — NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series: The NextEra Energy 250, Daytona Beach, Fla.

**BIATHLON**  
**2 a.m. (Saturday)**  
NBCSN — IBU World Championship: Women's 7.5km Sprint, Antholz-Anterselva, Italy (taped)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

**6:30 p.m.**  
CBSSN — Buffalo at Toledo

**7 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Davidson at St. Bonaventure

ESPNEWS — Yale at Princeton

ESPNU — Akron at Central Michigan

**9 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Illinois (Chicago) at Wright State

ESPNU — Rider at Siena

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

**7 p.m.**  
FS2 — St. John's at Creighton

**9 p.m.**  
PAC-12N — Stanford at UCLA

**11 p.m.**  
PAC-12N — Oregon at UCLA

COLLEGE GYMNASICS (WOMEN'S)

**7 p.m.**  
SECN — Arkansas at Alabama

**8:30 p.m.**  
SECN — Florida at Auburn

COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)

**6 p.m.**  
BTN — Michigan at Michigan State

**7 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Minnesota at Notre Dame

**8:30 p.m.**  
CBSSN — Denver at North Dakota

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

**10 a.m.**  
ESPNU — The St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational: South Carolina vs.

Virginia Tech, Clearwater, Fla.

**12 p.m.**  
SECN — The St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational: Kansas vs. Georgia, Clearwater, Fla.

**1 p.m.**  
ESPNU — The St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational: Washington vs. Florida State, Clearwater, Fla.

**4 p.m.**  
ESPNU — The St. Pete Clearwater Elite Invitational: UCLA vs. Alabama, Clearwater, Fla.

COLLEGE WRESTLING

**7 p.m.**  
ACCN — Virginia Tech at North Carolina State

**9 p.m.**  
BTN — Michigan at Nebraska

CURLING

**11 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Mixed Doubles: U.S. vs. Italy (taped)

GOLF

**12 p.m.**  
GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Chubb Classic, First Round, Lely Resort, Fla.

**2 p.m.**  
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Genesis Invitational, Second Round, Los Angeles

**10 p.m.**  
GOLF — LPGA Tour: The ISPS Handa Australian Open, Third Round, Seaton, Australia

NBA BASKETBALL

**7 p.m.**  
ESPN — All-Star Celebrity Game: Team Stephen A. vs. Team Wilbon, Chicago

**9 p.m.**  
TNT — Rising Stars Challenge: Team World vs. Team U.S., Chicago

SKIING

**6 p.m.**  
NBCSN — FIS Alpine World Cup: Men's Super-G, Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria (taped)

SOCCER (MEN'S)

**2:20 p.m.**  
FS2 — Bundesliga: Frankfurt at Borussia Dortmund

**3 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Premier League: Leicester City at Wolverhampton

TENNIS

**7:30 p.m.**  
TENNIS — ATP: The New York Open, Quarterfinals, Uniondale, N.Y.

**5 a.m. (Saturday)**  
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotterdam-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA & Hua-Hin-WTA Semifinals

**6 a.m. (Saturday)**  
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotterdam-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA & Hua-Hin-WTA Semifinals

TRACK AND FIELD

**9:30 p.m.**  
NBCSN — USATF: Indoor Championships, Albuquerque, N.M.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	37	16	.698	2
Phila.	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Cleveland	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	31	.426	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	32	22	.593	5½
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	37	17	.685	4½
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 127, Atlanta 105  
Orlando 116, Detroit 112, OT  
Brooklyn 101, Toronto 91  
Washington 114, New York 96  
Indiana 118, Milwaukee 111  
Memphis 111, Portland 104  
Charlotte 115, Minnesota 108  
Dallas 130, Sacramento 111  
Phoenix 112, Golden State 106  
Utah 116, Miami 101  
L.A. Lakers 120, Denver 116, OT

Thursday's Games

L.A.

Blind date begins love story that has lasted for 55 years

**DEAR ABBY:** I met my lady on a blind date many years ago. When I knocked on the door, it opened and this beautiful girl was standing there. Thinking I could never be so lucky, I asked, “Is your sister home?” No. She was my date.

Dear Abby



We dated for a few months, fell in love and got married. We have had a wonderful 55-year marriage, and it gets sweeter every day. We handle different opinions with courtesy and respect.

I’m 81 now, and hugging and kissing her fills my heart with warmth and happiness. The greatest joy in my life is to love and be loved. I wish everyone the same. — Ecstatic In New Jersey

**DEAR ECSTATIC:** Congratulations on 55 years of happiness. Thank you for sharing your love story with my readers and me. Today, I wish them — and you and your lovely wife — a very Happy Valentine’s Day.

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister recently self-published a book that purportedly honors my mother’s service in World War II. Her book is completely inaccurate. It is filled with romantic fantasy and historical errors, and cheapens my mother’s real service with untruths.

My sister is now busy selling and promoting the book with interviews and book signings. My mother, if she were still alive, would be embarrassed and appalled. I don’t want to cause a family feud, but I feel if I remain silent, I’m helping to perpetuate something that is wrong on multiple levels. What, if anything, should I do? — Reading A Lot Into It

**DEAR READING:** I am sure your late mother was an amazing woman whose story didn’t need embroidering. It may be a blessing she isn’t around to see what your sister has done to it. Because the book is now in print, it’s too late to “stop the presses.” If you try to discredit what was written, it will very likely cause a rift, and I don’t recommend it. Wish your sister luck and cross your fingers that it won’t become a best-seller.

**DEAR ABBY:** My brother lives in another state. He was never a good brother. He has always been self-centered, controlling and condescending. He is no longer in good health. Some time ago, he named me as his power of attorney for financial and health issues. I am elderly and have my own issues, so, should the need arise, it would be difficult for me to travel to where he is.

He has never been open, so I don’t know who his health care providers are, who his banker or investment people are, etc., so, even if I were to go, I’d have no idea where to start to act on his behalf and according to his wishes. I don’t even know what his wishes are, for that matter.

Because of his caustic personality, he has few friends and no family of his own. How do I resign as his power of attorney so there is no assumption by anyone that I would be a responsible party for him? — Unable In The West

**DEAR UNABLE:** Discuss this with your attorney to be sure you have all your i’s dotted and your t’s crossed. Then write your brother a letter. Explain that because you have no information about his doctors, his wishes about end-of-life planning, his banker or investment adviser — plus the fact that your own health isn’t the greatest — you hereby resign as his power of attorney. Send the letter via registered mail so he will have to sign for it, and there will be proof that your brother received it.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Web diary
- 5 Spanish “that”
- 8 Gridiron letters
- 11 Bumpkin
- 13 Quagmire
- 14 Pamplona yell
- 15 Painter’s device
- 16 Moth or ant
- 17 Court figures, briefly
- 18 Takes into custody
- 20 Klutzy
- 22 Censure
- 24 Billy — Williams
- 25 Telephone ABC
- 26 — spumante
- 28 Mouse target?
- 32 Suitcase
- 33 Where Anna met a king
- 34 Leah’s son
- 35 Lop off
- 37 Ticklish
- 39 Karate level
- 40 Tempo

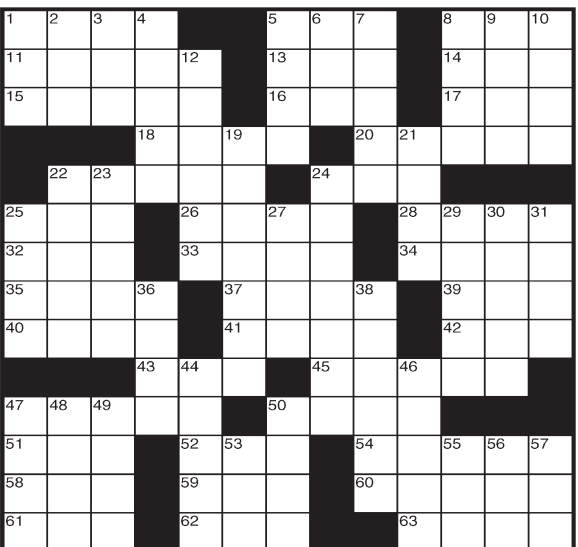
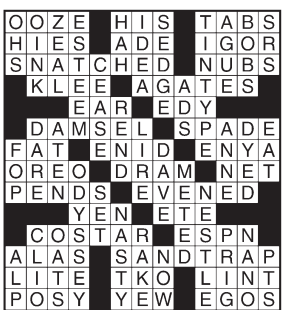
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- 51 Cato’s hello
- 52 Turtle-to-be
- 54 Himalayan country
- 58 Sports enthusiast
- 59 Nothing
- 60 Get the lead out?
- 61 Space widths
- 62 Become mellow
- 63 Feng —

DOWN

- 1 So long!
- 2 Mauna —
- 3 Approves
- 4 Ms. Davis of films
- 5 Subsidies
- 6 Old French coin
- 7 Farming major
- 8 Bump
- 9 Swing to and fro
- 10 In case
- 12 Pack animals
- 19 Attack
- 21 Astronaut —
- 22 Safari leader
- 23 Mr. Spock’s forte
- 24 Faintest
- 25 Cook’s meas.
- 27 Rangy
- 29 Evergreen
- 30 Running tracks
- 31 Muse count
- 36 Bushel
- 38 One way to shop
- 44 “Laughing” animal
- 46 Consumers
- 47 Not at risk
- 48 Infamous czar
- 49 Pince-nez part
- 50 Look at impertinently
- 53 Rock band booking
- 55 Cry of contempt
- 56 Tempe inst.
- 57 Flowery garland

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

				4	3	9	5		
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	4	6	7	5	1	8	3	2
3	2	5	8	4	9	7	1	6
7	1	8	3	2	6	9	4	5
8	9	3	6	7	5	4	2	1
6	7	2	1	3	4	5	9	8
4	5	1	9	8	2	6	7	3
5	8	7	4	1	3	2	6	9
2	3	9	5	6	7	1	8	4
1	6	4	2	9	8	3	5	7

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ARRRE  
TEYPT  
GUATOE  
DGUTER

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Print your answer here:

Yesterday’s Jumbles: CLUNK RATIO RADIUS SPEEDY  
Answer: He talked about Frisbee golf for so long, that it was sounding like a — DISCOURSE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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By Bil Keane



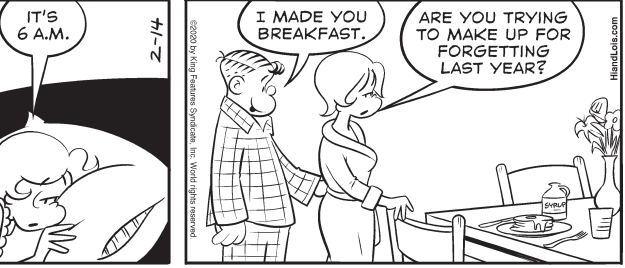
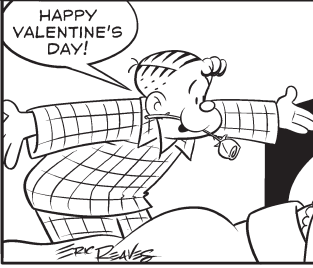
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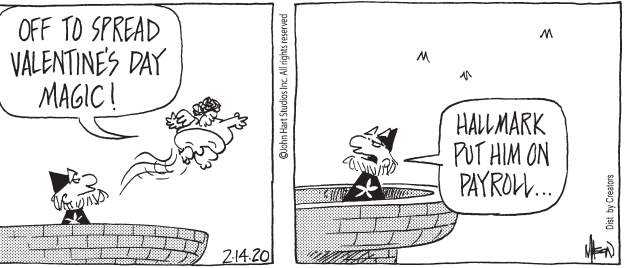
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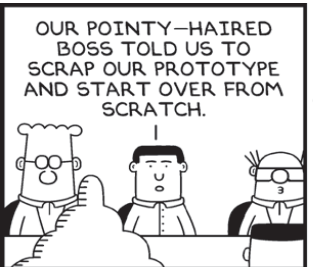
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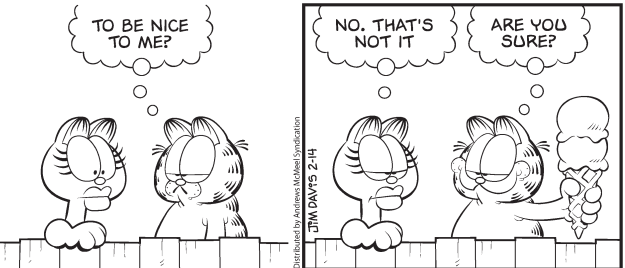
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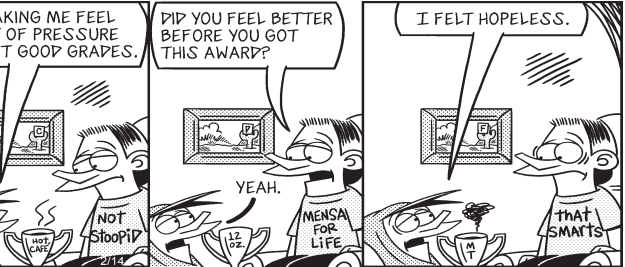
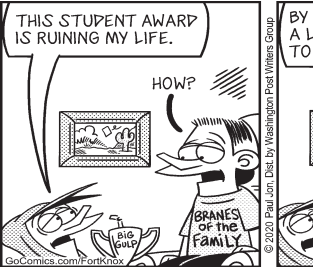
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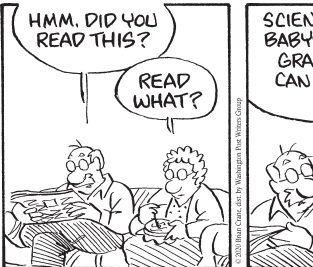
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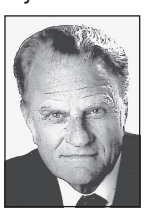


Happiness can be found in spite of poverty

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** Why does the Bible say, “Happy are the poor,” when we see the poverty stricken in so much despair? — P.P.

Billy Graham



**A:** The Sermon on the Mount is one of the most well-known sermons given by Jesus, but the reference to the poor is often misquoted. In this great sermon, Jesus blesses the poor “in spirit” (Matthew 5:3). If Jesus had omitted the last two words, they would have all rejoiced, for they were all poor — but Jesus said, “the poor in spirit.”

Hidden in these seemingly cryptic words was the first foundational secret of happiness. At first it sounds like a contradiction. We usually think of people who are poor as being unhappy. But

Jesus teaches that happiness can be found in spite of poverty. What kind of poverty did Jesus have in mind? Did He mean those who had very little of this world’s goods? No. Certainly they were included. But Jesus was speaking to people of every type — rich or poor, sick or well, educated or uneducated, young or old. God is concerned about every person on this planet, and Jesus’ words were addressed to everyone in every circumstance and in every generation.

“Poor in spirit” is to be aware of our spiritual poverty. No one is more pathetic than he who is in great need and not aware of it. The body can be strengthened by food and water, but the soul cannot not be nourished apart from the Spirit of the living God. The soul, created in the image of God, cannot be fully satisfied until it knows God in the proper way. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

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# South Sudan buries reports on oil pollution, birth defects

By **SAM MEDNICK**  
Associated Press

**PALOCH, South Sudan** — The oil industry in South Sudan has left a landscape pocked with hundreds of open waste pits, the water and soil contaminated with toxic chemicals and heavy metals, according to four environmental reports obtained by The Associated Press.

The reports also describe alarming birth defects, miscarriages and other health problems among residents of the region and soldiers who have been stationed there.

Abui Mou Kueth's infant son, Ping, was born with six fingers on both hands, one stunted leg, a deformed foot and kidney swelling.

"I was shocked the first time I saw the baby," she said, cradling him in her arms. "I am worried about his future."

The Associated Press obtained the reports and supporting documents from people with close knowledge of the oil operations, one of whom works in the industry. They've never been released publicly.

"South Sudan is running one of the dirtiest and poorest managed oil operations on the planet," said Egbert Wesselink, the former head of a European coalition of more than 50 non-profit organizations focused on the impacts of the country's oil sector.

"I don't think there's a single major industrial operation on earth that's getting away with this," he said.

There's been no clear link established between the pollution and the health prob-

lems.

But community leaders and lawmakers in the oil-rich areas in Upper Nile and Unity states accuse South Sudan's government and the two main oil consortiums, the Chinese-led Dar Petroleum Operating Co. and the Greater Pioneer Operating Co., of neglecting the issue and trying to silence those who have tried to expose the problem. An AP reporter was detained and questioned by government officials and government security forces working on behalf of the oil companies.

Neither company responded to multiple requests for comment on the reports, and did not answer detailed questions sent by email and text from AP.

The reports show that the government and the oil companies have been aware for years that contamination from drilling could be causing severe health problems, but little has been done to clean up the mess.

## Waste pits, birth defects

The oil rich area around Paloch, a city in Upper Nile state, is dotted with exposed pools of toxic water. A chemical junkyard in Gumbry town, about 45 minutes from Paloch, was strewn with overflowing containers of black sludge that seeped into the ground and were surrounded by toxic waste, when an AP reporter visited in September 2018.

"We're losing children," said Nyaweir Ayik Monyuk, chairman of the Women's Association in Melut. The 43-year-old lost two children of her own between

2008 and 2011.

She and a dozen other women, crowded on a tattered L-shaped sofa in a dimly lit shed in Melut, told harrowing stories.

Six had lost babies in the last 10 years. And all of them knew someone who had struggled to conceive, had miscarriages or had given birth to a child with deformities such as stunted limbs or concave skulls.

## The studies

The two earliest surveys were performed in 2013 and 2016 by South Sudan's government. They found oil pollution across the region and soil and water samples showed contamination, including mercury levels in the water were seven times what is permissible under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Local residents reported increased miscarriages, stillbirths and incidents of "malformed newborn babies" that didn't survive, and soldiers stationed there were also falling ill.

In July 2018, Greater Pioneer — which is comprised of the state-owned China National Petroleum Corp., the Malaysian state-owned Petronas as well as South Sudanese and Indian drillers — commissioned a study that found significant oil spillage and water pollution at the waste treatment facility at some oil operations that had been abandoned during the civil war.

A November 2018 report, commissioned by Dar Petroleum, found "extremely high" levels of hydrocarbons — chemicals such as benzene that make up oil and natural gas and can cause serious

health effects. It also documented 650 waste pits filled with water contaminated with arsenic and lead, and millions of liters of water contaminated with drilling chemicals sitting in ponds.

South Sudan's oil ministry instructed Dar Petroleum to move ahead with the proposed clean-up, according to a December 2018 letter seen by the AP.

But Dar Petroleum — a consortium that includes China's state-owned China National Petroleum and Sinopec, along with companies in Malaysia and Egypt and South Sudan's state-owned oil company — never acted, according to two people with close knowledge of the oil operations in the area who didn't want to be named for fear of their safety.

AP sent detailed questions to China National Petroleum Corp. and Sinopec, but neither company responded.

## 'Public health emergency'

There is no definitive proof that the pollution caused the health problems. South Sudan's crippling five-year civil war killed almost 400,000 people, displaced millions and plunged pockets of the country into famine.

But Rick Steiner, an oil pollution adviser in Alaska, said there is substantial medical literature linking hydrocarbon exposure with birth defects.

South Sudan's petroleum minister, Awow Daniel Chuang, said until there's scientific evidence tying health problems to oil pollution, no conclusions should be drawn.

In July 2019, the Greater Pioneer Operating Company flew baby Ping and his parents to Nairobi, Kenya, and then to Berlin for what they thought would be medical treatment.

Ping's father, Cornelius Mayak Geer, says the company told him that they would first do tests to determine if Ping's deformities were tied to oil pollution. If they found a link, Geer says they told him, they would pay for treatment.

But the family returned from Berlin last month after loads of tests, but no treatment for the baby.

Geer said the company told him the child's problems were genetic, and not caused by oil pollution. But they never shared any test results with him.

"The baby still cries day and night because of the pain and not feeling well," he said. "They're just buying time until the baby dies."

Environmental experts say there is little incentive for multinational companies to do anything because it is easy to get away with things in impoverished countries like South Sudan.

Oil accounts for almost all the country's exports, according to the World Bank. And South Sudan is trying to revive its economy by expanding the industry.

"No one's really watching. The government is neither willing nor able to monitor and enforce its own environmental laws," said Luke Patey, senior researcher studying China's oil investments in Africa at the Danish Institute for International Studies.

He said the result is "a vicious cycle of negligence."

# Spanish court keeps former Mexican oil chief in detention

**MADRID (AP)** — A Spanish court ruled Thursday that a former head of Mexico's state oil company must remain in custody while an extradition case is heard against him.

A judge ruled that Emilio Lozoya is a flight risk, according to a statement from the National Court in Madrid.

Mexico issued international arrest warrants against Lozoya last year as a result of corruption investigations. Lozoya has denied wrongdoing.

When he was arrested Wednesday in the southeastern Spanish port of Malaga, Lozoya had a driving license bearing his photograph but a different name, according to the court statement. The judge took that as an attempt to evade justice.

Spanish authorities said Lozoya had entered Spain two days earlier, but a search had been on for him throughout Europe since May.

He is one of the most high-profile detentions for alleged corruption under Mexico's current president, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who has vowed to crack down on graft.

Lozoya was the director of Pemex between 2012 and 2016, during the administration of former President Enrique Peña Nieto. He had also been a key member of Peña

Nieto's presidential campaign.

Last year, López Obrador's administration issued a number of orders for his arrest. One tied him to the bribery scandal of Brazilian construction behemoth Odebrecht and another to the sale of a fertilizer plant to Pemex at allegedly inflated prices.

The Spanish judge's ruling referenced an "elaborate scheme" to use resources of illegal origin and participation in acts of corruption "tied to the offer of illegal contracts to his favor on the part of Pemex in exchange for a property."

The Spanish government, citing Mexico's Attorney General's Office, said Lozoya allegedly defrauded the government of \$280 million.

The arrest was heralded as a clear win for López Obrador, who has made eradicating corruption the central pillar of his administration.

The president said Thursday at his morning press conference that investigators "must get to the bottom" of the case to hold all those involved responsible.

"There isn't protection for anyone," he said. "We proposed ending corruption and that is what we are doing. We're not going to let anything go, zero corruption, zero impunity."

# Virus outbreak blamed for fall in oil demand

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)** — The International Energy Agency expects demand for oil to fall in the first quarter as a result of the virus outbreak that emanated in China. Any fall would represent the first quarterly decline in a decade.

The Paris-based agency said Thursday in its oil market report for February that demand in the first quarter was expected to fall by 435,000 barrels per day compared with

the same period a year ago. The agency also cut its 2020 demand growth forecast by 365,000 barrels per day to 885,000.

The agency said that the consequences of the outbreak for oil demand "will be significant."

While the brief SARS epidemic of 2003 has at times been used as a reassuring point of comparison, China's economy has changed enormously since then. Its oil

demand has almost doubled since 2003 and represented more than three-quarters of global oil demand growth last year.

The outbreak of the disease, which has been named COVID-19, from the city of Wuhan threatens to disrupt supply chains that are central to the global economy.

The IEA said that in addition travel to and from China has increased, raising the chance that the disease will spread.

# Macron vows 'fight of the century' against climate change

**PARIS (AP)** — France's leader called the battle against climate change and environmental destruction "the fight of the century" Thursday after visiting a melting glacier in the French Alps.

But President Emmanuel Macron's tour of the Mer de Glace glacier and an ice cave carved into it near the mountain town of Chamonix was condemned as an electoral stunt by environmental campaigners. Critics accused Macron of using the icy photo-op to burnish his government's green credentials ahead of France's municipal elections next month.

Clad in winter gear, Macron listened attentively Thursday to explanations about how France's biggest glacier has lost much of its splendor, retreating up

its valley and shedding so much of its thickness that the stairs leading down to it have had to be extended.

Macron said seeing the glacier's retreat brought home the "fear that it disappears" and a feeling of "our own vulnerability, the fragility of the landscape which, until only a few decades ago, we thought was unchangeable."

"I deeply believe that this fight, which is a long-term fight, can also have concrete, tangible, visible results. It will be the fight of the century, of our capacity to invent new ways to live and do, sustainably," he said.

Activists say his lobbying for global action is not backed up by sufficient French government measures to curb the greenhouse gas emissions blamed

for global warming. France is behind on its European renewable energy commitments, ranking second from bottom in the EU, according to Eurostat.

Beyond the government, opponents in France's yellow vest economic protest movement fiercely opposed Macron's efforts to hike fuel taxes to combat pollution, complaining that the move penalized regular workers on tight budgets.

Environmental campaigners dismissed Macron's Alpine visit as an unnecessary and cynical use of taxpayer-funded resources to try to sap support from pro-ecology candidates in the municipal election in March.

"The government is trying to repaint its policies in green," said Julien Bayou, national secretary of the EELV ecology party.

# Ideas for amending Russian Constitution aired for Putin

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**  
Associated Press

**MOSCOW** — A meeting chaired by President Vladimir Putin on amending the Russian Constitution produced suggested changes on a variety of topics Thursday, ranging from the protection of traditional values to the country's status as a nuclear power.

Putin raised the idea of constitutional amendments last month, and lawmakers quickly gave tentative approval to his proposals for granting extra powers to parliament while maintaining a strong presidential authority.

The Russian leader's proposed amendments were widely seen as an effort by Putin to extend his grip on power after his current presidential term ends in 2024. But his draft didn't offer clues to how he might accomplish that goal, and the meeting of Putin's appointed working group did not shed light on why he is moving now to get the constitution changed.

Putin created the working group of lawyers, activists, politicians, cultural figures and athletes to discuss the revisions in parallel with lawmakers.

While meeting with the group Thursday, he repeated that the amendments he is seeking only would take effect if Russia's citizens approved them in a nationwide vote.

At the meeting, Putin's second encounter with the working group, some members offered their own ideas for amendments on top of those proposed by the president.

One member suggested adding language to the constitution that defines a family as a union of a man and a woman, an idea in sync with Putin's opposition to same-sex marriages.

Putin said the suggested wording would violate the rights of families led by single parents, but the Russian leader reaffirmed his strong disapproval of gay parents.

"As long as I remain the president, there will be no Parent No. 1 and Parent No. 2 here," he said. "There will be a mom and a dad."

Another working group member suggested that the constitution refer to Russia's massive nuclear arsenal as a tool to deter aggression.

Putin responded that even though the nuclear weapons play a key role now, future weapons could overtake them as a top deterrent.

He also used the suggestion as another opportunity to charge the United States wants to erode the deterrence potential of Russian nuclear weapons with its missile defense plans.

Putin asserted that Russia's new hypersonic weapons render the U.S. missile shield useless "and the billions they spent on it have turned into a useless waste."

The U.S. has repeatedly said that its missile defenses aren't intended to counter Russia's massive nuclear arsenals. The Kremlin has dismissed the assurances.

Putin presented an array of prospective weapons in 2018 that he claimed were immune to interception.

They included the Avangard, a hypersonic glide vehicle the Russian military said could fly 27 times faster than the speed of sound, and the Poseidon, a nuclear-armed and atomic-powered underwater drone described as capable of creating a tsunami to slam an enemy coastline.

The first missile unit armed with the Avangard became operational in December, while the Poseidon is still under development.

"Russia must clearly be a step ahead of all others in its defense potential, but I'm not sure whether we should put that in the constitution," Putin said.

# Brazilian journalist slain on lawless Paraguay border

By **MARCELO DE SOUSA** and **DAVID BILLER**  
Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO** — A Brazilian journalist was gunned down in his home on Paraguay's border as he ate dinner with his wife, father-

in-law and young child, prosecutors said Thursday.

Léo Veras lived in the Paraguayan town of Pedro Juan Caballero and ran a local news website. He had recently been receiving threats for his investigative work into smuggling at the bor-

der, according to a statement from the journalists' union in Brazil's Mato Grosso do Sul state. Veras' father-in-law saw two armed men step out of a truck that parked on the corner, approach the area where the family was eating and begin firing on Wednes-

day, Paraguayan prosecutor Marco Amarilla told radio station Universo 970. Veras tried to flee, and received 12 gunshots from behind. The last shot was in the head.

The porousness of the border between Paraguay and Brazil has been key for bring-

ing contraband cigarettes, pesticides and drugs into the latter country. Pedro Juan Caballero is also the site of a jail from which at least 75 prisoners escaped in January, most with ties to a major Brazilian drug gang, the First Capital Command.

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